



January 17, 2021

PRELUDE

Allegro
from *Fantasie in A Major, TWV 40:2*

G.P. Telemann
Becky Arrensen, flute

GREETING

Cory Unthank

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Fount of every blessing;

People: and tune my heart to sing your grace.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Composer of redeeming love;

People: and teach my spirit to praise your name.

OPENING HYMN #400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.***

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Holy Spirit, O God,

open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to your Word

so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the

ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Vivace
from *Fantasie in A Major, BWV 40:2*

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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Leader: You have looked deep into my heart, Lord,
and you know all about me.

**People: You know when I am resting or when I am working,
and from heaven you discover my thoughts.**

Leader: You notice everything I do
and everywhere I go.

**People: Before I even speak a word,
you know what I will say,**

Leader: and with your powerful arm
you protect me from every side.

**People: I cannot understand all of this!
Such wonderful knowledge is far above me.**

Leader: You are the one who put me together inside my mother's womb,

People: and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me.

Leader: Everything you do is marvelous!
Of this I have no doubt.

People: Nothing about me is hidden from you!

Leader: I was secretly woven together deep in the earth below,
but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed.

**People: Even before I was born,
you had written in your book everything I would do.**

Leader: Your thoughts are far beyond my understanding,
much more than I could ever imagine.

**People: I try to count your thoughts,
but they outnumber the grains of sand on the beach.
And when I awake, I will find you nearby.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

***Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-10, 16-18

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF DEDICATION #534

Be Still, My Soul

***Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.***

***Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.***

***Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. J. Raney

This week's worship leaders:Cory Unthank, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*Greg & Rosie Jordan, *Song Leaders*John Hague, Dick Tiller-Luchtman & James Horton, *Audio Visual*Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Rev. Philip Dorrell, an Indianapolis native, is a graduate of Butler University and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He pastored United Methodist churches across central Indiana from 1975 until retiring in 2016. Phil and Tona have been married since 1972, have three children, and are grateful to have all six grandchildren living within a twenty minutes' drive. In retirement Phil enjoys reading, playing the trumpet, and tutoring adult literacy students. Tona and Phil have been happy to call North UMC their church home since fall 2016. They appreciate its music, liturgy, and preaching, its diversity, and its advocacy.